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SUBJ: BASE NEGOTIATIONS: PRESS REACTION

1. FEB 13 EDITION OF EVENING DAILY "INFORMACIONES" HEADLINES
ARTICLE ON NEGOTIATIONS WRAP-UP: "TOWARD NEW AND CLOSER
ASSOCIATION WITH USA", WITH SUB-HEADLINE "ARE AMERICANS
LEAVING TORREJON".

2. REPORT CONTAINS TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE INTRODUCED
BY FOLLOWING LEAD PARAS:

A. QUOTE: IT APPEARS THAT THE SPANISH PROPOSAL FOR
OBTAINING IN OUR RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. A FORMULA BEYOND
SIMPLY FRIENDSHIP IS PREVAILING. YESTERDAY ENDED IN
MADRID THE THIRD SESSION OF NEGOTIATIONS UNDER WAY TO
DEFINE MUTUAL RELATIONS ONCE THE 1970 AGREEMENT EXPIRES,
AND THE CORRESPONDING POSITIONS DERIVING FROM THEM.

B. AN OFFICIAL JOINT NOTE, COUCED IN CAUTIOUS AND
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NEBULOUS DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE, SUGGESTS IT. TEXTUALLY IT

AFFIRMS THAT THE CONVERSATIONS CONSIDERED THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW AND CLOSER ASSOCIATION, WITH A VIEW TOWARD FULL COOPERATION IN WESTERN DEFENSE. IT IS RUMORED THAT THE USA FORCES MIGHT TERMINATE UTILIZATION OF THE BASE AT TORREJON DE ARDOZ, UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: THIS PRESS SPECULATION CONCERNING TORREJON IS REMINISCENT OF SIMILAR SPECULATION BEGINNING SOMEWEEKS BEFORE FIRST ROUND LAST NOVEMBER AND WHICH ULTIMATELY PRESAGED WITH CONSIDERABLE ACCURACY SOME OF PROPOSALS AND SUBSTANTIVE ARGUMENTS TABLED BY SPANISH DURING THE FIRST ROUND. PATTERN IS FAMILIAR, AND IF REPEATED IN WEEKS AHEAD COULD PROVIDE SOME INDICATION OF FOCUS OF SPANISH ATTENTION WITH REGARD TO ITEM THREE OF AGENDA WHICH THEY HAVE AGREED TO ADDRESS. THIS WOULD APPEAR ALLTHE MORE LIKELY, GIVEN ROVIRA'S DISSATISFACTION WITH PROGRESS MADE ON ITEM ONE.

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